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Honorable James H. Welsh,
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Alternate Unit Wells
Hosston Formation, Reservoir A
HOSS RA SU48
Holly Field
DeSoto Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY**, (Applicant), to the Commissioner of Conservation for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit the unit operator to drill, designate and utilize the Gamble No. 1 Well, at a legal location and the Gleason No. 1 Well, in exception to the spacing provisions of the 88-D Series of Office of Conservation Orders, as alternate unit wells for the production of gas and condensate for the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, in the unit designated HOSS RA SU48, such unit and wells shown on the attached plat and made a part hereof.
2. To find that an alternate unit well is needed on the HOSS RA SU48 to assist in the efficient and effective drainage of the HOSS RA SU48 that cannot be drained by any other well located therein.
3. To permit the unit operator to produce the assigned unit allowable from the unit well, the alternate unit well or from a combination thereof at its discretion.
4. To consider and cover such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem pertinent and appropriate.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 88-D, effective February 1, 1975.

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The pertinent data pertaining to this application is available for inspection at the Offices of B. F. Anderson, 400 Travis Street, Suite 209, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101-3110. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call B. F. Anderson at 318/425-4230 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent, that is otherwise not available from the Office of Conservation, can be obtained **at the expense of the requesting party.**

The subject matter of this application does not require a pre-hearing conference.

Attached hereto and made a part of, are plats showing the applicant's proposal and a list of the names and addresses of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom this application is being furnished. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, the list of parties is being furnished to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Office of Conservation. The list of parties will be provided to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and the Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

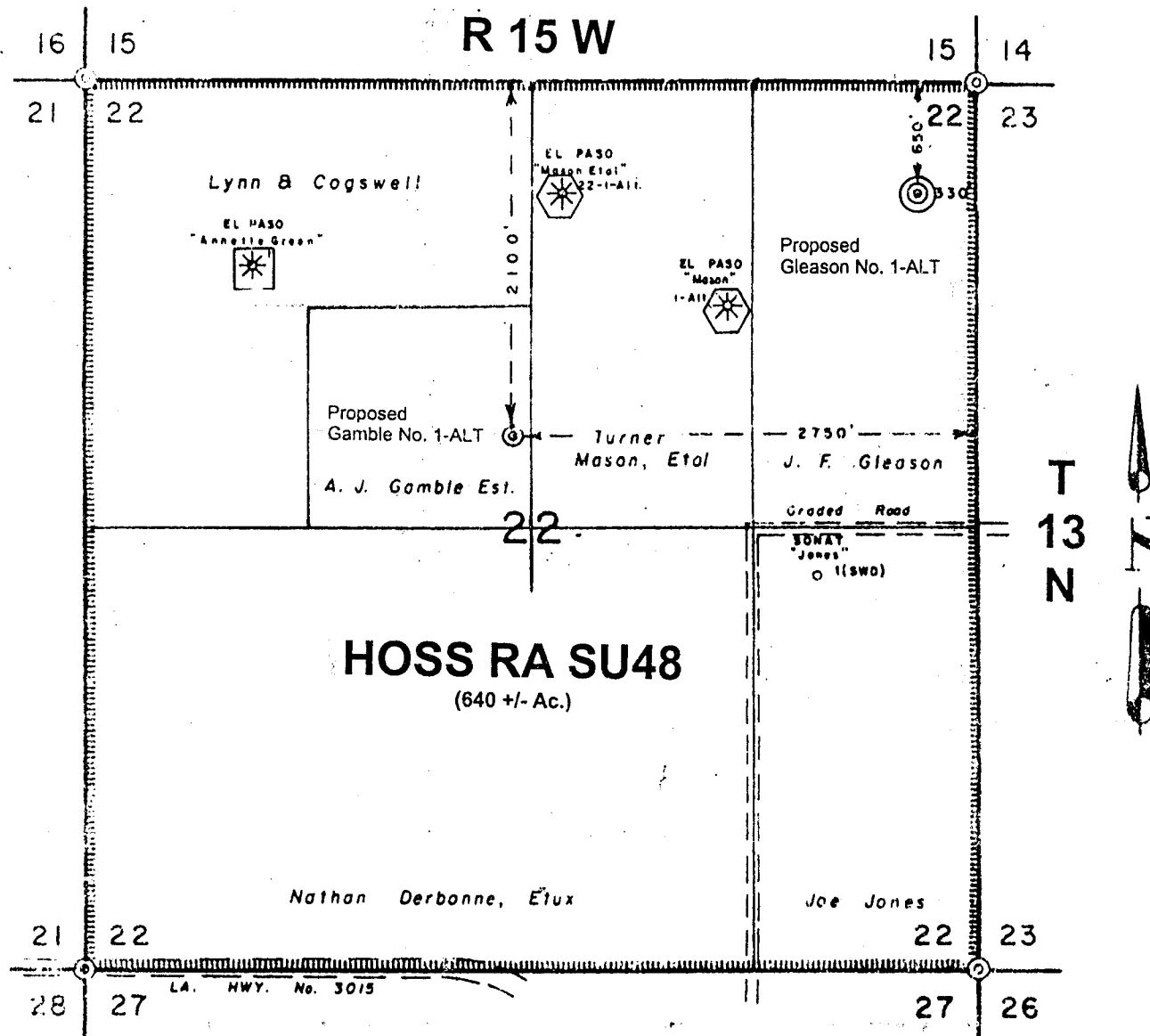
Our check, made payable to the Office of Conservation, is attached to cover the applicable hearing fee.

Yours very truly,







B. F. Anderson, PE for
ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY

cc: Mr. James Broussard, District Manager Shreveport District Office of Conservation
Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties



HOSSTON RA UNIT

-  HOSS UNIT WELL
-  EXISTING ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
-  PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL AT AN EXCEPTIONAL LOCATION
-  PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL AT A LEGAL LOCATION

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Docket No.	Date:	Exhibit No. 1
ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO.		
HOLLY FIELD DeSoto Parish, Louisiana		
Plat Showing: PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELLS HOSS SU48; GLEASON No. 1 & HOSS SU48; GAMBLE No. 1		